

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device comprising:

an elongate filament configured into a pseudo-braided pattern and formed to define a generally tubular body with a first end and a second end, at least one of the first and second ends having a circumferential dimension; and

at least one of said first and second ends each being defined by a plurality of circumferentially spaced endless reversals of direction of said filament;

wherein said filament is ~~generally~~ tubular and wherein at least one of said plurality of reversals embody a full-turn helical configuration.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said plurality of endless reversals define a simple arc.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The device of claim 3, wherein said simple arc has a variable radius of curvature.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The device of claim 3, wherein said simple arc has a uniform radius of curvature.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of reversals embody loops having a generally constant radius of curvature.

Claims 7-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said filament includes a first end and a second end, said first and second ends being joined together by twining.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said filament includes a first end and a second end, said first and second ends being joined together by welding.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said filament includes a first end and a second end, said first and second ends being joined together by a sleeve, said sleeve embodying radiopaque material.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said filament includes a first end and a second end, said first and second ends being joined together by a ball end, said ball end embodying radiopaque material.

Claims 17-42 (canceled)

Claim 43 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said filament includes a first end and a second end, said first and second ends being joined in a middle portion of the device.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said filament is made from a tube.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said filament is configured into a coil.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said filament has variable cross-sectional profile.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said plurality of endless reversal of direction function to enhance hoop strength of said device at said first and second ends thereof.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said device can be reduced to less than 10% of its expanded diameter.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said device is self-expanding.